

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA BARBARA REGARDING ITS INTENTION TO  
COMMIT ITS COMMUNITY'S RESIDUAL SOLID WASTE  
TO THE CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY (CT) FACILITY TO  
BE LOCATED AT THE TAJIGUAS LANDFILL

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara is a member of the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group (MJSWTG) which was established in June, 2001 by the County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Barbara City Council;

WHEREAS, the MJSWTG provides its Members and their respective citizens with a forum to discuss and plan long-term solid waste management strategies and facilities;

WHEREAS, the MJSWTG established the Conversion Technology Subgroup (CT Subgroup) to "evaluate the feasibility of conversion technologies as an alternative to landfilling post-recycled municipal solid waste (MSW) at the Tajiguas Landfill";

WHEREAS, the CT Subgroup is developing a "Request for Proposals" for a conversion technology (CT) Facility to be established at the Tajiguas Landfill;

WHEREAS, the Request for Proposals would be strengthened by a commitment on the part of participating agencies; and

WHEREAS, the stated goals of the CT facility are to:

1. **Increase Diversion of Post-Recycled MSW for Affected Jurisdictions.** Any considered CT must increase the diversion of post-recycled MSW intended for landfill disposal through pre-processing (or post-processing) and/or conversion of post-recycled MSW into beneficial products such as energy, fuels, or other marketable products (e.g., compost, aggregate, metals).
2. **Reduce Environmental Impacts of Landfilling MSW.** Any considered CT must limit and/or mitigate environmental impacts of landfilling MSW, including but not limited to water quality and greenhouse gas emissions.
3. **Provide Financial Feasibility and Sustainability.** Any considered CT must have capital and operating costs that result in a feasible, cost-competitive tipping fee, with long-term financial stability that would limit financial impacts to affected ratepayers.
4. **Produce Green Energy and Other Marketable Products.** Any considered CT must include a component of green energy and/or fuel production, along with

other marketable products, as applicable, such as recovered metals and compost.

5. **Provide a Humane Work Environment.** The project will maintain humane working conditions, and will not consider any CT that is deemed to have an unjust or unsafe impact on workers.
6. **Result in a Long-Term Waste Disposal Plan.** Any considered CT must result in a long-term waste disposal alternative for participating jurisdictions within Southern Santa Barbara County (with a 20 year minimum lifespan required).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT if the above-listed goals are met by the CT Facility, it is the intention of the City of Santa Barbara to commit its community's residual solid waste to the Conversion Technology Facility to be established at the Tajiguas Landfill.